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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Attorney Docket No.: 23998-021	
Applicant:	John W. Frost	Conf. No.:	4573
Application No.:	10/572,976	Group No.:	1652
Filing Date:	November 20, 2006	Examiner:	Tekchand Saidha
Title:	Methods and Materials for the Production of Shikimic Acid		

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))                                                                                                                               | S _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))                                                                                                                              | S _____           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))                                                                                                                 | S <u>1,110.00</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))                                                                                                                             | S _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))                                                                                                                             | S _____           |
| <br><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____ |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.                                                                                                               |                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-3081.        |                   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.                                                                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96). |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 43,526.                                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34. Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34<br>_____.                           |

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